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Home Invasion Suspect Arrested

On Tuesday evening March 26, 2013, members of Troy Police Special Investigations Unit (SIU), and South Oakland Narcotic Investigation Consortium (SONIC) were conducting surveillance on a home invasion suspect. Troy SIU is comprised of officers from Troy, Auburn Hills and Bloomfield Township police departments. SONIC is comprised of officers from the West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills and Novi Police Departments.

The suspect was believed to be responsible for at least 15-20 home invasions from Troy, Rochester Hills, West Bloomfield, Shelby Township and Rochester. The suspect was ultimately arrested without incident after officers observed him break into a residence in Rochester Hills. Arrest was made by Troy Police SIU, SONIC investigators and deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office (O.C.S.O. - Rochester Hills substation).

Subsequent search warrants of his vehicle (2009 White Cadillac Escalade) and residence in Sterling Heights led to the recovery of a very large quantity of suspected stolen property including: televisions, electronics, jewelry, collectibles and currency. Stolen property was positively identified from numerous home invasions in the following jurisdictions: Rochester Hills (3), Shelby Twp. (4), Troy (1), West Bloomfield (2), Rochester City (2) and Novi (2). Numerous items have yet to be identified.

On March 28, 2013, the suspect: D'Mario Darrell Thornton, age 32 from Detroit (below) was arraigned before Magistrate Camargo of the 52-2 District Court in Rochester Hills on one count of "Home Invasion." His preliminary exam date has not been set. Thornton was on parole out of the state of California for "Home Invasion" at the time of his arrest. He was remanded to the Oakland County Jail and held on \$1,000,000.00 bond with no 10%.

This was a great joint operation and thorough investigation involving investigators from SONIC, Troy Police and the O.C.S.O.- Rochester Hills substation.



D'Mario Darrell Thornton, age 32 from Detroit

A criminal charge is only an allegation and suspects are presumed to be innocent until a finding of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law